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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: VISHNU K. AGARWAL AND
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APPLICATION No.: 10/772,541

FILED: FEBRUARY 5, 2004

FOR: APPARATUSES FOR FORMING A
PLANARIZING PAD FOR
PLANARIZATION OF
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES

EXAMINER: YEWEBDAR T.
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ART UNIT: 1734

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Proposed Claim Amendment -
For Discussion Purposes Only

Amendment to the Claims:

75. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for forming a planarizing pad for mechanically and/or chemically-mechanically planarizing a microelectronic substrate, the planarizing pad including a pad support material and a planarizing pad material, wherein the apparatus comprising:

a support device configured to support the pad support material in a selected position;

a vessel for mixing the planarizing pad material; and

a nozzle in fluid communication with the vessel and configured to form the planarizing pad material into discrete texture elements for disposing on the pad support material, wherein the pad support material is elongated in a longitudinal direction, and wherein the nozzle is positioned to spray the discrete texture elements at least partially in the longitudinal direction.

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Remarks

The foregoing claim amendments are provided for discussion purposes only in a telephone interview scheduled for _____ p.m. Eastern time between the Examiner and the attorney identified below.

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